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KUDOS: to **Dr. Amber VanDerwarker** who is featured in a special supplement to the Smithsonian Magazine. You can find the article at <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/vanderwarker.html>.

DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS:

Anthropology Department's Picnic at the Beach
Friday, October 12
4pm-6pm

Goleta Beach, Area D (by the playground)

Barbecued chicken and tri-tip are provided

(Note: we won't have a bbq fire since the meat portion is catered)

We'll also provide table service (i.e., plates, napkins, utensils).

Everyone should bring a DISH TO SHARE (e.g., salad, dessert, casserole)

and your beverage of choice!

Don't forget to wear your Anthropology t-shirt!

Anthropology Speaker's Series

Dr. Muhammad Spocter

UCSB Lecturer and Project Scientist

The Panglossian Paradigm Revisited: The Role of Nonadaptive Mechanisms in Hominin

Brain and Body Size Evolution

Friday, October 19, 2007

3:00 p.m. HSSB 2001

EVENTS:

Discovery of the Nabataen Shrine at Petra, Jordan

Illustrated Lecture by Julia Costello, PhD

Monday, October 8, 2007, 7:30pm, Farrand Hall, SB Museum of Natural History

Once called the eighth wonder of the ancient world, the ancient city of Petra came into the spotlight in 2005 with the discovery of a previously unknown summer palace.

Archaeologist Julia Costello, a member of the excavation team, will show slides of the excavation and discuss the importance of this discovery that revealed carved heads and architectural remnants of an impressive structure long lost to the sands of Jordan's desert.

Admission is free

FIESTA EL PILAR 2007
Celebrating the Maya Forest as a Garden
Saturday, October 13, 2007
11 am to 4 pm

At the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Farrand Hall
Music by El Son del Pueblo, Displays, Food and Beverages, Information
Meet Beatrice Waight and Alfonzo Tzul,
Maya Forest Gardeners from El Pilar, Belize!

11:00 am Fiesta Begins

11:30 am Panel with Maya Forest Gardeners and Landscape Designers, to explore the Maya Forest Garden, and emerging sustainable gardening models.

1:30 - 4:00 pm Fiesta! Engage with the forest gardeners, panel participants, and people interested in gardening, archaeology, conservation, landscape design, the Maya, anthropology, and permaculture.

Suggested contribution: \$25

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES (details are posted under “Academic Positions” in the Departmental Reading Room):

Director & Associate/Full Professor, Indigenous Nations Studies Program.

The University of Kansas invites applications for a full-time Associate or Full Professor position and Director of the Indigenous Nations Studies Program. The Director has primary responsibility for all aspects of the M.A. program focused on Indigenous Peoples worldwide (<http://indigenous.ku.edu>). This is a unique program with a global focus. The successful candidate will be appointed in the Indigenous Nations Studies Program with the possibility of a joint appointment in another academic unit. We invite applications from specialists in all fields whose scholarship relates to the program focus.

The Department of Anthropology at the University of Kansas invites applications for a tenure-track, Assistant Professor position in medical anthropology expected to begin August 18, 2008. We are seeking a broadly trained anthropologist with an area focus in Africa and some knowledge of Middle East or transatlantic connections. Research interests should include one or more of the following: development and globalization, the political economy of health, infectious diseases, global food security, biotechnology, demography, public health and health promotion campaigns; social movements and health, global health inequalities; structural and chronic violence, war and post-war trauma recovery; refugee populations and transnational migration; environment and health; indigenous healing traditions and their role in public health and health development. For full position description, see: <http://www2.ku.edu/~clas/employment/>.

University of Puget Sound, Department of Comparative Sociology invites applications for a part-time, one-semester position; Spring Term 2008. The successful candidate will teach cultural anthropology during spring semester 2008. Ability to also teach either family/society

or social problems preferred. Teaching assignment includes two courses. See posting.

University of Puget Sound, Department of Comparative Sociology invites applications for a Full-time, one-year leave replacement position; begins Fall Term 2008. The successful candidate will teach Cultural Anthropology, Ethnographic/Field Methods, and a course on Native/Indigenous peoples. Candidates with substantive expertise in public policy issues urban anthropology, and/or minority issues are encouraged to apply. Standard teaching assignment is three courses per semester. See posting.

Upcoming employment opportunities in the **Department of Anthropology at the Smithsonian**. Because of recent retirements we will be recruiting four new curators in the coming months. The announcements for these positions will be sent out in late fall, however, we will be recruiting at the November AAA meetings in Washington, DC. The vacancies will also be advertised on USAJOBS.gov. The four positions seek innovative scholars focused on the following areas of specialization: Human-Environment Interaction, Globalization, North American ethnology, and endangered languages.

Lehigh University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology invites applications for an Assistant Professor in cultural anthropology. They seek a broadly educated anthropologist who will contribute to the college's interdisciplinary Globalization and Social Change initiative. See <http://cas.lehigh.edu/socanthro>.

Miami University, Department of Anthropology has three open positions: cultural anthropology, linguistic anthropology, and biological anthropology.

- Candidates for cultural anthropology should have regional expertise in Russia or Eurasia with ongoing research in economic political or urban anthropology preferred. See <http://casnov1.casmuohio.edu/havighurstcenter/>.
- Candidates for the linguistic position should have field experience working in one or more languages other than English, regional expertise in Asia, Oceania or Americas preferred. Rank open.
- Candidates for the biological position should build on the department's existing strengths in primatology. Field experience preferred in the Neotropics or Asia. Rank Assistant Professor.

FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS (details posted under "Fellowships/Grants" in Dept. Reading Room):

- Each year the **American Academy of Arts & Sciences** welcomes fellowship applications from untenured junior faculty and postdoctoral scholars who are interested in pursuing research related to one of the Academy's four core program areas: Humanities and Culture, Social Policy and American Institutions, Science and Global Security, and Education. Established in 1780 and located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the Academy is one of the

oldest learned societies in the United States and an independent policy research center, conducting multidisciplinary studies of scholarly and public policy issues.

The Academy's Visiting Scholars Program offers junior scholars an opportunity to combine their independent research with active involvement in varied projects, conferences, and meetings. The benefits of the program include private office space at the Academy's headquarters and access to the Harvard University libraries. Preference is given to junior faculty. A stipend of up to \$60,000 for junior faculty and up to \$40,000 for postdoctoral scholars accompanies the award.

Guidelines and application materials for the 2008-2009 fellowship year are available at the Academy's website (www.amacad.org). The deadline for applications is October 15, 2007. If you have questions about these fellowships, please contact Alexandra Oleson, Director of the Visiting Scholars Program at 617-576-5014 or email: aoleson@amacad.org.

- **NSF-Anthropology summer training 2008 in research design and methods**

We would like to bring to your attention four training initiatives in research design and methods for 2008. The Cultural Anthropology Program at NSF funds these initiatives, which are for Ph.D. students and holders of the Ph.D. in cultural anthropology.

- Field methods in Bolivia (for Ph.D. students). Now in its fifth year, this training program takes place among the Tsimane?, a native Amazonian society of farmers and foragers in Bolivia and is directed by R. Godoy (Brandeis). Training focuses on methods to collect ecological, demographic, economic, cognitive, anthropometric, and health data. The training builds on and is informed by a panel study in progress since 1999, and lasts five weeks. Instructors include W. Leonard and T. McDade (Northwestern), L. Gravlee and J.R. Stepp (Florida), S. Tanner (Georgia), and V. Reyes-García (Brandeis and Barcelona). Dates: June 8-July 13.
- Research design (for Ph.D. students). Now in its 13th year, the Summer Institute for Research Design in Cultural Anthropology (SIRD) is for Ph.D. students who are writing their research proposals. The three-week course focuses on research design and the writing of a scientifically well-conceived research proposal, and also provides an introduction to methods for collecting and analyzing both qualitative and quantitative data. Instructors include: J.C. Johnson (East Carolina), S. Weller (Texas), H.R. Bernard (Florida), A. Wutich (Arizona State). Dates: July 13-August 1.
- Short courses on research methods (for holders of the Ph.D.). Now in its fourth year, the SCRM program, offers intensive, five-day courses on research methods in cultural anthropology. The following courses are offered in 2008.

- Text Analysis. Instructors: L. Gravlee (Florida) and A. Wutich (Arizona State). July 14-18.
- Social Network Analysis. Instructors: J. Johnson (East Carolina) and C. McCarty. July 21-25.
- Collecting and Analyzing Video Data. Instructors: E. Cartwright (Idaho State) and J. Crowder (Houston). July 28-August 1.
- Workshops in Research Methods in Anthropology (for all cultural anthropologists). These one-day workshops are offered in conjunction with the meetings of the AAA and the SfAA. See the Methods Mall (below) for current offerings.

More information and application forms are available on the Methods Mall, www.qualquant.net/training/

- The **Center for Chicano Studies** is running four grant competitions this fall and I am writing to give you information about these opportunities, as well as to ask for your help in circulating the news. These competitions include:

- 1) Call for Proposals: Faculty Research Awards (Deadline 11/13/2007);
- 2) Call for Proposals: Graduate Research Awards (Deadline 11/13/2007);
- 3) Call for Proposals: Undergraduate Research Awards (Deadline 11/13/2007);
- 4) Call for Proposals: UCSB Conference Grants (Deadline 11/13/2007).

Detailed information about these funding opportunities is available at the CCS web site (<http://research.ucsb.edu/ccs/funding.html>).

- **UC President's Postdoctoral Fellowships.** The University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program was established in 1984 to encourage outstanding women and minority Ph.D. recipients to pursue academic careers at the University of California. The current President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program offers postdoctoral research fellowships and faculty mentoring to qualified scholars committed to university careers in research, teaching, and service that will enhance the diversity of the academic community at the University of California. Fellowships are awarded through competitions open to citizens and permanent residents of the United States. Applications from qualified persons are accepted and reviewed without regard to race, gender, or ethnicity. Only those who anticipate completion of their Ph.D. degrees by July 1, 2008 should apply. Online application will be available on the web in August at: <http://www.ucop.edu/acadadv/ppfp/> Application deadline is **November 15, 2007**.

FIELD SCHOOLS & TRAINING INITIATIVES (details are posted under Grad and Field Schools in the Departmental Reading Room):

If there are TAs in the department who were unable to attend TA Orientation, we suggest that you attend some of the teaching skill workshops offered this quarter and listed as an announcement on the TADP website <http://www.oic.id.ucsb.edu/TA/> Next week a video of the Orientation's one-hour General Session will be available at this same site.